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In re the Application of

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 30, Table 5, delete current Table and insert therefor:

Table 5: Fluorescein Labeling of RNA and DNA oligonucleotides determined by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry.

Labeling Agent	Metal	SEQ ID NO: 11 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 10 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 7 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 5 (DNA)
5-BMF	Zn ²⁺	+	++	+	++
	Tb ³⁺	-	ND	-	+
	None (H ₂ O)	-	-	-	-
6-IA-F	Zn ²⁺	-	-	+	++
	Tb ³⁺	-	-	ND	-
	None (H ₂ O)	-	-	-	-

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